

country, relatively little biochemical research is being directed toward it." Infantile depressions are described by Spitz, and children's reaction to the death of a parent by Keeler. The psychoanalytic interpretation of depressive patterns is presented by Rado, under the title of "Hedonic Control, Action-Self and the Depressive Spell." The physical therapies, as applied to depressions, are discussed by Alexander, Davidoff and Russ and Kalinowsky.

It is quite obvious that we are very far from a complete understanding of the etiology of depressive states, although a continuing investigation along psychologic, psychodynamic, physiologic, biochemical and cultural lines, such as this book presents, sheds further light on this very interesting field of psychiatry.

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PEDIATRIC DIAGNOSIS. Morris Green, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine; and Julius B. Richmond, M.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, University of New York College of Medicine. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1954. 436 pages, \$10.00.

This is a text intended for students and practitioners to be used at the bedside or as a quick diagnostic aid in the office. It fulfills this function very well and employs two approaches to jogging the diagnostic memory of the reader.

The first half of the text is devoted to a discussion of anatomical regions and their normal and abnormal development. The second half of the text is given to a discussion of the possible significance of signs and symptoms. A final short section is devoted to health supervision from birth through adolescence.

A valuable feature of the book is the incorporation within the body of the text of up-to-date references, taken largely from those pediatric journals most commonly found in the offices of physicians.

It is probable this book will find its way as a useful tool into the library of most physicians dealing chiefly with children.

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DIAGNOSTIC ADVANCES IN GASTROINTESTINAL ROENTGENOLOGY — Selected Methods, with Clinical Evaluation. Arthur J. Bendick, M.D., Director of Radiology, Beth Israel Hospital, New York. Grune & Stratton, New York, 1954. 131 pages, \$6.00.

This monograph deals principally with certain aspects of double contrast techniques for the x-ray examination of the alimentary tract. In the preface, the author emphasizes that the book is not intended for beginners, but rather for those who have been conducting x-ray examinations of the alimentary tract for several years. There are ten chapters. The first deals with advances in x-ray equipment and the second with the technique of double contrast studies of the gastric mucosa. Then there are chapters dealing with diseases of the esophagus, the stomach, the duodenum, the small bowel and the colon. There is a chapter on decompression of the intestinal tract, one on diseases of the gallbladder and pancreas, and one on the x-ray examination of the newborn.

The differential diagnosis of many conditions is not stressed as much as one might expect; nor are the numerous and confusing anomalies of the alimentary tract given the mention which one might desire. It would seem, therefore, that the monograph is more suited for those beginning radiology than for experienced physicians, especially those who maintain contact with the current medical literature.

There are seventy-five illustrations, in positive form, and of good clarity. The author is Director of Radiology at the Beth Israel Hospital in New York. The printing and binding is excellent.

NERVOUSNESS, INDIGESTION AND PAIN (Popular Edition). Walter C. Alvarez, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota (Mayo Foundation), Emeritus Consultant in the Division of Medicine, the Mayo Clinic. Harper & Brothers, New York, 1954 (Medical Edition, Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., 1943). 235 pages, \$3.50.

This popular edition of Alvarez "Nervousness, Indigestion and Pain," gives an informal and intimate glimpse into the author's vast experience with functional disorders, particularly as they pertain to the gastrointestinal tract. The book is directly and simply written. It discusses the diagnosis and treatment of many common complaints from a practical, down-to-earth point of view. It can be understood by doctor and patient alike. Almost every page rewards the reader with a gem of clinical wisdom. The style makes for easy and entertaining reading. It is obvious that the author has a deep personal understanding of emotional problems. No practicing physician can fail to learn something from glancing through this book.

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THE STUDY OF THE BRAIN—A Companion Text to the Stereoscopic Atlas of Neuroanatomy. Hyman S. Rubinstein, M.D., Ph.D., D.A.B.P.N., F.A.P.A., Attending Physician in Neurology and Psychiatry, United States Army Hospital, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Grune and Stratton, New York, 1953. 209 pages, \$9.50.

This study of neuroanatomy is clear, concise and affords an excellent review of neuroanatomy. It has as its outstanding feature a detailed account of a plan of dissection of the brain and the pathways which serves with its companion text, "A Stereoscopic Atlas of Neuroanatomy," as an excellent study for those who wish to review this field. Its greatest field of usefulness would be to those individuals planning to carry out a gross dissection of the brain, rather than to serve as a reference book for neuroanatomy.

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HANDBOOK OF MEDICAL TREATMENT — Fourth Edition. Edited by Milton J. Chatton, A.B., M.D., Director of Medical Institutions, Santa Clara County, California, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine; Sheldon Margen, M.A., M.D., Associate Research Biochemist, Clinical Instructor in Medicine; and Henry D. Brainerd, A.B., M.D., William Watt Kerr Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine; all from the University of California School of Medicine. Lange Medical Publications, Post Office Box 1215, Los Altos, 1954. 569 pages, \$3.00.

This is the fourth edition since 1949 of this lithographed, paper-backed, pocket-sized volume on therapy and we are happy to endorse it again. A great many medical facts are packed into it, with the aid of liberal use of tables and telegraphic style. The authors have been diligent in keeping the book up to a high standard of modern practice.

It is primarily designed for the intern or student in hospital practice but is also convenient and suitable for the practitioner to take on his rounds.

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INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHIATRY. O. Spurgeon English, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Temple University School of Medicine; and Stuart M. Finch, M.D., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Temple University School of Medicine. W. W. Norton, New York, 1954. 621 pages, \$7.00.

Textbooks of psychiatry have been appearing in increasing numbers in recent years. This one presents the material of psychiatry in such a manner as to emphasize what the authors consider "the principles of dynamic psychiatry" as promulgated by Freud and is definitely oriented along psychoanalytic lines, ignoring for the most part the contributions of other schools of psychiatric thought.

After a short and superficial chapter on the history of psychiatry, the development and structure of the personality